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Dear St. Charles North Musician parents!

We look forward to welcoming all incoming and returning student musicians and their parents this upcoming school year. The 2018-2019 Friends of Music parent booster group is excited that you will be participating in one of the best high school music programs in the state of Illinois!

What is the Friends of Music organization? We are a group of dedicated parent volunteers that help organize many exciting music events and raise funds to help support the music programs at North including band, orchestra, choir, marching band, and vocal and instrumental jazz. We meet the first Wednesday of each month and we want to extend an invitation to ALL parents to become involved in this exciting group that supports our wonderful student musicians, programs, and the North music faculty. Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Room 140/141. You will also be able to volunteer for events via Sign Up Genius so keep your eyes open!!**

Our 3 fundraisers are the holiday cheesecake sale in October, the phenomenal Constellation Concert on **Thursday December 20 at 6 and 8 pm**, and the Jazz Showcase held at the Q Center in St. Charles on **Friday, May 31 at 6:30 pm**. We generally raise close to \$25,000 through these events and that money goes to the kids and the music programs. This past year saw funds used to purchase new music risers and wireless microphones, pay for guest clinicians and artists, provide summer camp scholarships, purchase instruments, and replace marching band gear to name just a few.

Friends of Music is also key in organizing and supporting the August fitting days (**August 13, 14, 15, 16, and 23**) for concert wear and marching band uniforms. We also help organize the wonderful Veteran's Day Concert on **Sunday, November 11 at 3:30 pm** that honors our local servicemen and women who have served our country so proudly!

Also, keep your eyes open for our periodic **POLAR NOTES** sent out by the Friends of Music group via email to keep you informed of all music events, news, and opportunities within the music department! You can also visit [SCNMUSIC.COM](http://SCNMUSIC.COM) for music related news.

Our wonderful music department also features numerous concerts, IMEA auditions, Madrigal Dinners, a musical, the New York Voices Festival, the Spring Gala, parades, the "Holiday Homecoming" in downtown St. Charles, half time marching band shows, and jazz performances to name a few!

Keep your eyes open ways to GET INVOLVED with what will surely be a continuing highlight of each music student's high school career.

Go North Stars!

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